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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the death of Henry J. Vassar, who passed away on September 26, 2015; and

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WHEREAS, Henry Vassar was born on August 2, 1941 in Alton; his parents were Albert J. and Emma (nee Free) Vassar; he married Shirley J. Henson on October 1, 1971 in Alton; and

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WHEREAS, Henry Vassar graduated from Alton High School in 1959; after high school, he enlisted with the United States Marine Corps, serving from 1959 to 1963 during the Cuban Missile Crisis; and

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WHEREAS, Henry Vassar was a contract coordinator foreman at the Shell Oil Wood River Refinery, where he worked for 30 years until his retirement in 1994; he later became an assistant principal and a teacher for New Community Christian School; and

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WHEREAS, Henry Vassar enjoyed golfing and bowling; and

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WHEREAS, Henry Vassar was an active member for over 30 years and ministered as a Sunday school teacher, board member, elder, and interim pastor for Alpha Chapel, Faith Covenant Church, and Hillside Family Church (now Lifehouse Community

1 Church); and

2 WHEREAS, Henry Vassar was preceded in death by his parents;
3 his son, James Vassar; and his brothers, Floyd and David
4 Vassar; and

5 WHEREAS, Henry Vassar is survived by his wife, Shirley; his
6 daughter, Vanessa J. Vassar; his sons, Kenneth, Wayne, Joseph,
7 and Adrian Vassar; his stepdaughter, Kelley Schultz; his
8 special granddaughter, Madison Schultz; his many grandchildren
9 and step-grandchildren; his many great-grandchildren; his many
10 nieces and nephews; his sisters and brother-in-law, Emma Jane
11 and George Frazier and Patricia Perkins; his brother, Mark
12 (Marie) Vassar; and his sister-in-law, Doris Fink; therefore,
13 be it

14 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL
15 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we, along with his
16 family and friends, mourn the passing of Henry J. Vassar; and
17 be it further

18 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
19 presented to the family of Henry Vassar as an expression of our
20 sympathy.